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AFDROUGHT

SUBJECT: PLANT PROTECTION SAHEL; DAKAR MEETING

1. FOLLOWING FROM FAO/OSRO.

2. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES ALL SEVEN SAHELIAN COUNTRIES PLUS CAMEROUN OBSERVOR AND DIR GENERAL OICMA AND OCLALAV. ALSO REPRESENTED WERE CANADA, COPR/UK, FAC, FED, FRG, USAID, UNDO AND FAO.

3. REQUESTS PRESENTED AT FIRST SESSION WERE WELL BEYOND POSSIBILITIES OF FINANCING AND WERE CONSIDERABLY CUT DOWN THANKS TO UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION REPRESENTATIVES SAHEL COUNTRIES. EVEN SO FIRST PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN ESTIMATES REACHED AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND USED OUTDATED FIGURES VALID END DECEMBER 1973 AND WHICH THEREFORE DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MORE SERIOUS 1974 INFESTATION AND ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF INFESTATION WHICH COULD OCCUR 1975 BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY WARM WINTER. TOTAL REQUIREMENTS ARE ESTIMATED AT JUST OVER U.S. DOLLARS TEN MILLION BUT THIS FIGURE WILL HAVE TO BE READJUSTED WHEN PRICES PUT FORWARD BY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WILL HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED. BREAK-DOWN BY TYPES OF ACTIONS AS FOLLOWS IN U.S. DOLLARS.

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RADIO COMMUNICATION 200,000

AIR SPRAYING OPERATIONS	427,000
VEHICLES	2,025,000
CAMPING EQUIPMENT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ETC.	250,000
MISCELLANEOUS MECHANICAL AND SPRAYING EQUIPMENT	600,000
PESTICIDES	6,845,000

TOTAL	10,347,000

THIS INCLUDES REQUESTS FROM CAMEROON FOR ASSISTANCE
TO THE VALUE OF U.S. DOLLARS 711,000.

4. PESTICIDES INCLUDE NOT ONLY THOSE REQUIRED FOR
ACTUAL CROP PRODUCTION BUT ALSO FOR SEED TREATMENT AND
STORAGE PROTECTION OF HARVEST BUT A BREAKDOWN OF THE
COST OF THE THREE TYPES OF CHEMICALS BE COMMUNICATED
ASAP.

5. REPORT ON MEETING WILL FOLLOW BUT OSRO WOULD
APPRECIATE EARLY COMMENTS FROM DONORS AND ESPECIALLY SOME
INDICATION ON ACCEPTABILITY OF ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF
AID REQUESTED. VOLPE

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